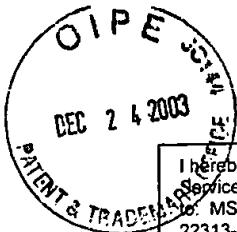


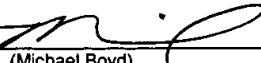
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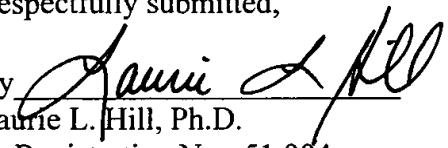
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Abandonment dated December 18, 2003 (Paper No. 122003). The Notice states that the application has been abandoned for failure to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated May 21, 2003. Enclosed herewith are copies of the Response to Restriction Requirement which was mailed June 18, 2003, including a copy of the return postcard stamped received by the USPTO on June 24, 2003. Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and entry of the response then filed.

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